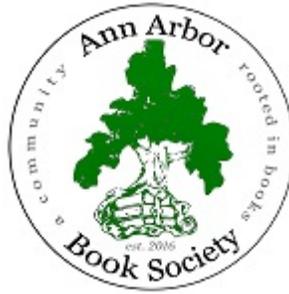


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## November Newsletter

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### November Book Event Highlights

All events are virtual.

**Sunday, November 1st at 11 am:** [Elisa Boxer, author of \*The Voice that Won the Vote\*, on AADL.TV](#), Ann Arbor District Library

**Friday, November 6th at 7 pm:** [The 5th Annual Robert J. Berkhofer Jr. Lecture on Native American Studies: A Conversation with Tommy Orange](#), UM Department of Native American Studies

**Sunday, November 8th at 3 pm:** [Love in the Time of Pandemic, Together, Apart](#), Nicola's Books

**Monday, November 9th at 1 pm:** [Brick by Brick: Building Hope and Opportunity for Women Survivors Everywhere, a conversation with author Karen Sherman](#), UM Ford School of Public Policy

**Tuesday, November 10th at 8 pm:** [At Home with Literati: Margaret Atwood in conversation with Ruuman Alam](#), Literati Bookstore

**Monday, November 30th through Tuesday, December 22nd:** [2020 Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival](#), Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor

**Click on the below calendar for more great book events taking place in November!**

November 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
AAEL Author Event: Elie Beane: "The Voice That Won the Vote" on AAEL TV	AAEL: Storytime with Ella on AAEL TV AAEL: Book Discussion: The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas	AAEL: Storytime with Christopher on AAEL TV	AAEL: Storytime with Toby on AAEL TV Nicola's Books: Storytime	AAEL: Storytime with Evelyn on AAEL TV UM-LSA Zell Visiting Writers Series: Reading and Q&A with Poet Patricia Smith AAEL: Bible Film on AAEL TV	UM-LSA Zell: Visiting Writers Series: Craft Lecture: Writing The Surviving Working Terrifying Times AAEL: Storytime with Christopher on AAEL TV	AAEL: Time!Time! With Katie and Abby: Harry Potter 1-6 on AAEL TV
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
AAEL: Bilingual Arabic/English Storytime with Nabou on AAEL TV	AAEL: Storytime with Alex on AAEL TV	AAEL: Storytime with Tzip on AAEL TV	AAEL: Storytime with Amanda on AAEL TV	AAEL: Storytime with Elizabeth on AAEL TV	AAEL: Storytime with Lucy on AAEL TV	AAEL: Time!Time! With Katie and Abby: Harry

## Ann Arbor Book Trivia

Robert Hayden, UM grad and Ann Arbor resident for more than 15 years, was the first African American poet to receive what honor?

1. US Poet Laureate
2. Nobel Prize for Literature
3. National Book Award for Poetry
4. Pulitzer Prize for Poetry

Find the answer at the bottom of the newsletter!

## Bookstore Road Trip!

### Grandpa's Barn in Copper Harbor



Books and Michigan's Upper Peninsula are two of my favorite things. So when the two are combined, the experience is indelibly stamped on me. Longtime subscribers may remember our very first Bookstore Road Trip in March 2017 featuring Dana Welshans and [Snowbound Books](#) in Marquette. By March of 2017, I

had been visiting Snowbound Books annually for many years, but for the first time had a vehicle through which to share with other book lovers one of my favorite bookstores.

So it was with a deep sense of gratitude for the Ann Arbor Book Society monthly newsletter that I walked into a small, out of the way bookstore in Copper Harbor on a recent trip and found yet another bookstore treasure to share with our readers and fellow book lovers.

For recent Michigan transplants and those who do not travel north of the bridge, Copper Harbor is an unincorporated community with a population of 71 on the northernmost tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula, the 'Upper Peninsula's Upper Peninsula,' and a nine-hour drive from Ann Arbor. With breathtaking views of Lake Superior, world-class mountain biking trails, and iconic scenic byways, Copper Harbor is a destination that should be on every Michigander's bucket list. And a stop at Grandpa's Barn is a must when you get there!

My husband and I arrived at Grandpa's Barn under gray clouds threatening rain or snow and were immediately greeted at the door by the sweet smell of wood burning in a stove, and the warmth that comes with it. (I would later learn the deliciously fragrant scent was a mixture of sugar maple, birch, cedar, and oak, and that they burn whatever is on hand - a mix of wood from trees trimmed on the property and others that are brought from their house supply.) The sense that this bookstore was special, with its wood-burning stove by the front door, was immediate. It turns out one reason is that the bookstore WAS a barn.

Click [here](#) to read more about Grandpa's Barn and discover some great book recommendations!

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### On My Shelf: What Book Experts in our Community are Reading

Dawn Treader's Africa Schaumann



Africa Schaumann is the manager of Dawn Treader Book Shop, a local institution in its 40+ years in Ann Arbor's book community. She took the helm shortly after the unexpected passing of the previous manager, Corby Gillmore in 2018. Originally from Ypsilanti, she attended college in North Carolina

where she studied history, specifically race relations in the United States between 1890-1965. Africa has worked in libraries and bookstores, and is

trained in archival book bindery, preservation, and conservation.

In her role as manager, she strives to create an environment that is both welcoming and safe to its diverse array of patrons. Her favorite part about being a bookseller is the exchange of knowledge that goes along with selling books in a college town. She learns as much from patrons as they learn from the books they purchase.

You can often find her reading about history. Although she enjoys anything historical, she especially enjoys the Golden Age of Piracy, the Jazz Age, and the Civil Rights and Reconstruction Eras. Her primary hobby is reading and selling books, so it's safe to say that she has found the rare and elusive dream career in managing a used bookstore. During non-pandemic times, you could find her spending an evening at an A2SO or UMS event, watching black-and-white films at Michigan and State Theaters, or walking one of the many museums around campus.

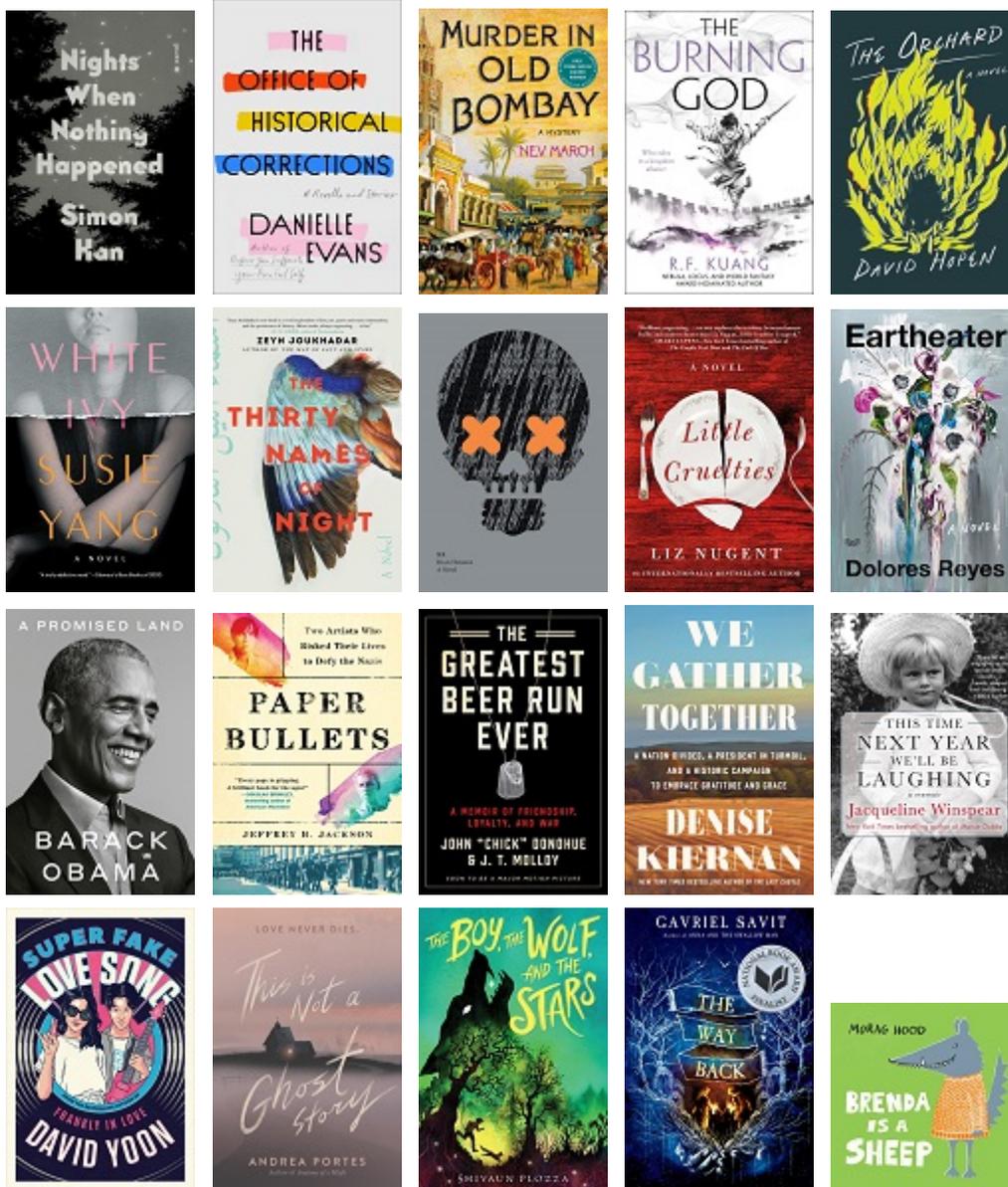
The best way to support Dawn Treader during the pandemic is to browse and purchase in-store (given that you have no symptoms of COVID-19), donate to their ongoing [GoFundMe](#), and/or purchase a gift certificate at [shop.dawntreaderbooks.com](http://shop.dawntreaderbooks.com). Browsing hours are currently Wednesday through Sunday from 11 am to 8 pm.

Five books Africa is currently reading/recently read:



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## Noteworthy New Releases



**Book Ends**

*Did You Know?*

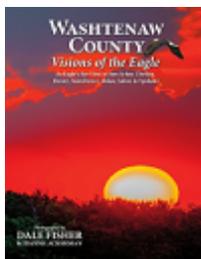
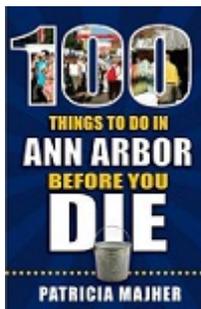
**Happy 45th Anniversary  
West Side Book Shop!**



MelCat has returned to the AADL!  
You can once again request books

from other Michigan libraries for pickup at any Ann Arbor District Library branch.

## Local Books Make Great Gifts for the Locals in Your Life!



This fall marks the 45th anniversary of West Side Book Shop, Ann Arbor's oldest open bookstore, which opened on September 21st, 1975. Located at 113 W. Liberty St., West Side Book Shop is housed in the Haarer building, one of three buildings that make up the Liberty Street Historic District. Built in 1888, supposedly from his share of winnings from a German lottery ticket, John Haarer expanded his photography studio that had been in the same location, soon adding books and stationary to his offerings. By 1898 he was no longer in the photography business, but continued selling books (along with insurance). His son Ernest later took over running the bookstore, and Ernest's son Ernest later helped. The building was purchased by the city in 1964 with the intent to tear it down to build a parking lot. Fortunately, because the city had promised two of Haarer's sons who still lived in the building that they could remain for the rest of their lives, the building was not torn down, and eventually became the headquarters for Ann Arbor's sesquicentennial in 1974. It was during that time that West Side Book Shop owner Jay Platt walked by the building and thought it would make a good bookstore. Having worked with textbooks and at David's Books for a couple of years in the early 1970s, Jay had found his passion. The city sold the building in April 1975 and in August, Jay and a business partner paid their first month's rent, and held a party at the store on opening day. Jay commissioned artist John Copley to paint a sign in the style of the age of the building, and lettering

## Welcome Rosa, the Bookbound Book Hound!

We are so excited to learn about Rosa, the new addition to the [Bookbound](#) family! The passing of shop dog Chester last fall was a huge loss to the Bookbound community, and we can't wait to meet this adorable new puppy that is sure to bring joy to anyone she meets!



on the window to reflect its architectural character. The spirit of the building's origin remains in the backroom of the book shop, where Doug Price sells antique photographs in what used to be John Haarer's studio.

Help keep the legacy of bookselling alive at 113 W. Liberty by donating to the West Side Book Shop [GoFundMe](#), or by stopping by to shop its beautiful collection of books!

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### Snapshot of the Past



**Caption: To help at book sale: Miss Borghild Holter of Norway who is studying at the University on an AAUW international fellowship will help with this year's sale which will make it possible for other study grants and fellowships to be awarded next year. Published in the Ann Arbor News, November 1, 1955. Courtesy of the AADL.**

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### **Book Trivia Answer**

US Poet Laureate (he was appointed 1976-78 under its former title, "Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress")

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